PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2006-393-W/S

APPLICATION OF CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ASHWORTH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND HITCHENS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, D.B.A. HERON COVE JOINT VENTURE TO SERVE PHASES 5 AND 6 OF HERON COVE SUBDIVISION

Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Utility") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), pursuant to 26 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-541 and 103-743 (Supp. 2005) an application for approval of a contract between it and Ashworth Development Company and Hitchens Development Company, d.b.a. Heron Cove Joint Venture ("Developer").

The Applicant is a public utility currently authorized to operate water and wastewater systems under the jurisdiction of the Commission in York County, as well as certain other counties in the State. The Applicant and the Developer have entered into an agreement for water and sewer service dated November 13, 2006.

The Utility's River Hills System currently serves the existing phases of the Heron Cove Subdivision. Pursuant to the agreement, the Applicant proposes to serve Phases 5 and 6 which will consist of approximately sixty-eight (68) additional single family residences. The Agreement provides, *inter alia*, that the Developer will construct all of the necessary water and sewer facilities ("Facilities") required to connect the proposed development to the Utility's River Hills System, acquire all necessary easements and rights-of-way ("Easements") and convey such Facilities and Easements to the Applicant. Performance of the Agreement is conditioned upon its approval by the Commission.

According to the Application, the proposed development is within the Applicant's Commission authorized Service Area in York County. The Application reveals that no other public or governmental utility is currently authorized to serve or serving the proposed development.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **January 24, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2006-393-W/S*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **January 24, 2007,** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2006-393-W/S.*

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **January 24, 2007.** *Please refer to Docket No. 2006-393-W/S.*

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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